



**MEMORANDUM  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE ANALYSIS**

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**TO:** Honorable Rebeca Sosa  
Commissioner District 6

**DATE:** July 9, 2004

**FROM:** Amy Gonzalez-Hernandez, Esq.  
Chief Legislative Analyst

**SUBJECT:** Information Request

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In response to your request regarding how many times the Board of County Commissioners agree or disagree with the Manager's recommendation, our office looked at 14,682 Non-Commissioner sponsored items which came before the Board, between mid 1996 through June 30, 2004 per the County's Legislative Information System Online.

In order to answer the question, we categorized items into four classifications shown in Table 1:

1. BCC agrees with the Manager's recommendation
2. BCC agrees with the Manager's recommendation as amended
3. BCC disagrees with the Manager's recommendation
4. BCC takes no action on the Manager's recommendation

In 2000 a similar report was prepared at the request of Commissioner Dennis Moss, District 9, in which the items were categorized into slightly different categories shown in Table 2:

1. BCC agrees with the Manager's recommendation & non-material amendment
2. BCC agrees with the Manager's recommendation with material amendment
3. BCC disagrees with the Manager's recommendation
4. BCC takes no action on the Manager's recommendation

For comparison purposes and to fit the current data into the second category (BCC agrees with the Manager's recommendation with material amendment) we looked at over 1,000 items which had been amended and made an individual determination whether the item had been "**materially**" amended. The result was that we found only 314 items (2.14% of all items) had been "materially" amended by the Board.

Finally we calculated the percentages only including items that were actually voted on (Excluding the items where no action was taken) as shown in Table 3. 97.49% of the time, the Board agrees with the Manager's

recommendation. 2.21% of the time the Board agrees with the Manager's recommendation including material amendments. 0.30% of the time the Board disagrees with the Manager's recommendation. 99.70% of the time the Board agrees or materially amends the Manager's recommendation.

Our final count includes all 14,682 items not Commission Sponsored, included in the County's Legislative Information System not sponsored by a Commissioner. Of those, 13,138 items recommended by the Manager were accepted without any amendment, 1,059 items were amended, there were 43 items which the BCC disagreed with the Manager, and 442 items had no BCC action.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office. This report was prepared by Mike Alvarez, Tim Gomez, and Robert Villar.

Table 1 – Raw Data		
BCC agrees with the Manager's recommendation	13138	89.48%
BCC agrees with the Manager's recommendation as amended	1059	7.21%
BCC agrees with the Manager's recommendation & BCC agrees with the Manager's recommendation as amended	14197	96.70%
BCC disagrees with the Manager's recommendation	43	0.29%
BCC takes no action on the Manager's recommendation	442	3.01%
BCC disagrees with the Manager's recommendation & BCC takes no action on the Manager's recommendation	485	3.30%
Total	14682	100.00%

Table 1 – Raw Data

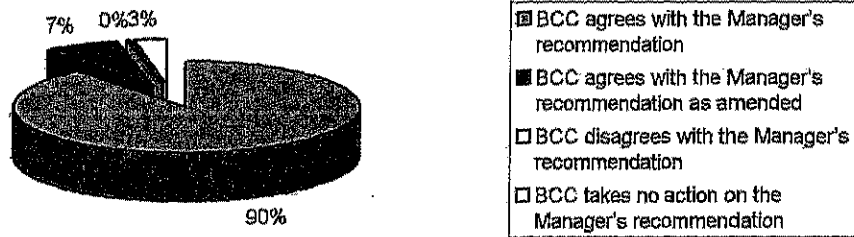


Table 2 – Material Amendments		
BCC agrees with the Manager's recommendation & non-material amendment	13883	94.56%
BCC agrees with the Manager's recommendation with material amendment	314	2.14%
BCC agrees with the Manager's recommendation & non-material amendment & BCC agrees with the Manager's recommendation with material amendment	14197	96.70%
BCC disagrees with the Manager's recommendation	43	0.29%
BCC takes no action on the Manager's recommendation	442	3.01%
BCC disagrees with the Manager's recommendation & Takes no Action	485	3.30%
Total	14682	100.00%

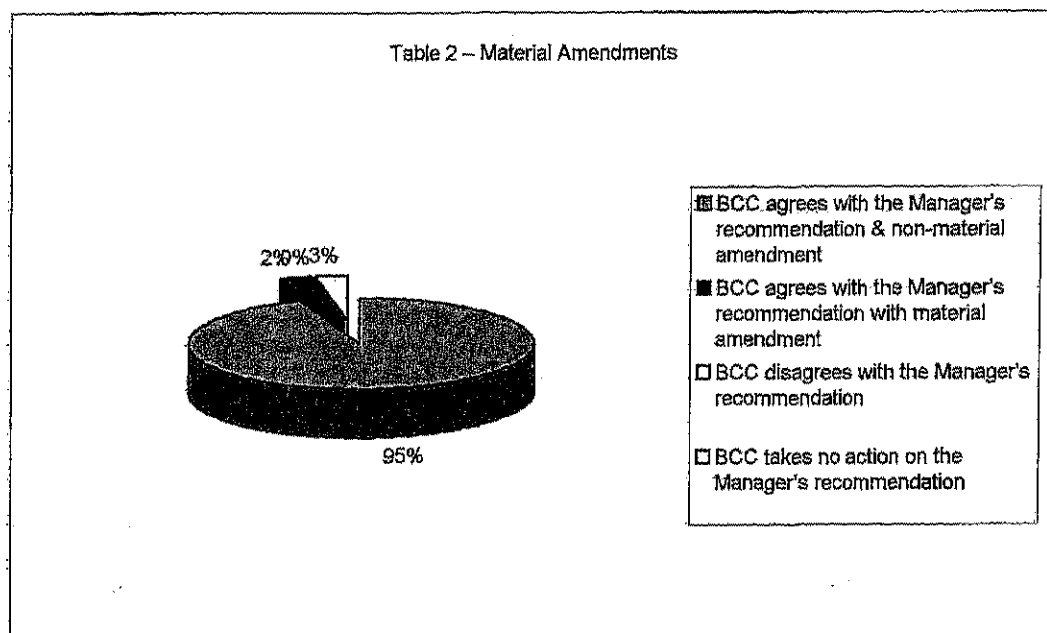
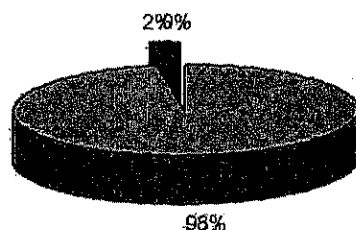


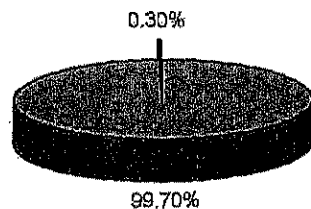
Table 3 – When Vote Occurred		
BCC agrees with the Manager's recommendation & non-material amendment	13883	97.49%
BCC agrees with the Manager's recommendation with material amendment	314	2.21%
BCC agrees with the Manager's recommendation & non-material amendment & BCC agrees with the Manager's recommendation with material amendment	14197	99.70%
BCC disagrees with the Manager's recommendation	43	0.30%
Total	14240	100.00%

Table 3 – When Vote Occurred



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